



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

application of : **Confirmation No. 8950**  
Sakae NISHIGORI et al. : Docket No. 2001\_1481A  
Serial No. 09/974,916 : Group Art Unit 1742  
Filed October 12, 2001 : Examiner Deborah Yee  
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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated May 23, 2003  
of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 3-4.

- (X) A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.
- (X) The extension fee of \$475.00 for a 3 month extension of time is submitted with  
the attached Petition for Extension of Time.
- (X) The Appeal Fee of ☐ \$330.00 (other than Small Entity)  
☒ \$165.00 (Small Entity)
  - (X) is enclosed
  - ☐ is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. The original and two  
copies of this sheet are enclosed.
- ☐ Small entity status of this application is established by the verified statement  
under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 which
  - ☐ is enclosed.
  - (X) has been previously submitted.

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() The Appeal Fee is not required since it was paid in a prior appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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